

All Eyes on Paris: Tracking Progress at COP21

*"After the final No there comes a Yes
And on that Yes the future world depends."
– Wallace Stevens (1942)
Quoted by Al Gore (Dec. 8, 2015)*



Scripps / UC Revelle delegation at the *Hot, Sour and Breathless* education booth (L-R): Kirk Sato, Damien Leloup, Natalya Gallo, Richard Somerville, Margaret Leinen, Lisa Levin, Yassir Eddebar, Shayla Ragimov, Rob Monroe.



During the opening ceremony, Laurent Fabius, French Foreign Minister, accepts the Presidency of COP21 (Nov. 30, 2015).



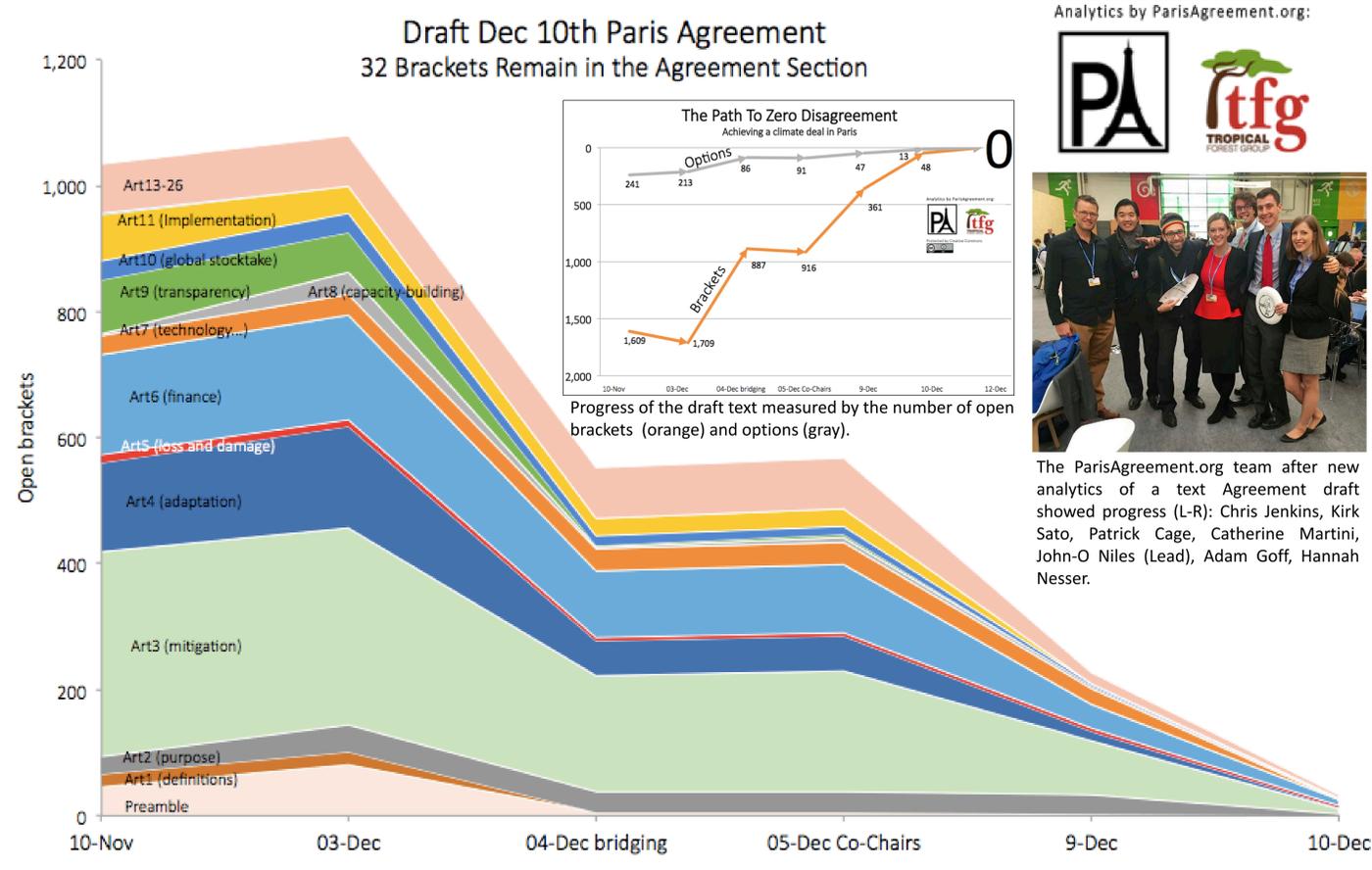
Delegates from nearly 200 nations take their seats inside the plenary hall, La Loire, during the opening ceremony (Nov. 30, 2015).



U.S. Special Envoy for Climate Change, Todd Stern, introduces Secretary of State, John Kerry, during a press conference where the political will to reach a Paris Agreement was reinforced (Dec. 9, 2015).



Members of the U.S. State Department and Scripps graduate students hold up ocean drawings made by elementary school students to remind delegates at COP21 of the world's children.



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Scripps graduate students, Yassir Eddebar, Natalya Gallo, Kaitlyn Lowder and post-doc Matthew Siegfried speak to COP21 attendees during a Q&A event at the U.S. Center called, "Dive Deep into Ocean and Climate".

Scripps graduate students shared their enthusiasm for ocean science and climate change policy with scientific and political leaders like Dr. Françoise Gaill (Ocean and Climate Platform), CA Governor Jerry Brown, and Dr. Sylvia Earle (Mission Blue).

Scripps partners with Chile to put on official ocean event

Ambassador **Waldemar Coutts**, the director of Environment and Maritime Affairs in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Chile presents during the official COP21 Side Event, "The Role of the Oceans Beyond 2020: Implications for Adaptation". Moderated by SIO Director **Margaret Leinen**, the event included discussions by Plymouth Marine Laboratory Senior Scientist **Carol Turley**, **Hans Pörtner**, head of the Department of Integrative Ecophysiology at the Alfred Wegener Institute for Marine and Polar Research, and Scripps biological oceanographer **Lisa Levin** (below). The side event also included a presentation from **Ana Maria Gutiérrez**, an environmental advisor at Chile's Rapa Nui (Easter Island).



During the COP plenary sessions in the Great Hall, negotiators speak on behalf of groups or coalitions of Parties about their collective positions and concerns on specific sections of the text



During closed-door break-out meetings, negotiators discuss and seek clarification on critical sections of the draft text.



Disagreement among Parties, reflected by bracketed words, is discussed during daily break-out sessions.



Cardinal Peter Turkson and Dr. V. "Ram" Ramanathan (SIO) before a press conference held by the Vatican's Pontifical Council on Justice and Peace. Dr. Ramanathan serves as a climate adviser to Pope Francis.



Dr. Ramanathan speaking about the links between human health and greenhouse gases and short lived climate pollutants during a side event hosted by the World Health Organization called, "Why a Climate Agreement is Critical to Public Health".

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